GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:227
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2016
Consumption of Subsidised Urea
Singh Deo Shri Kalikesh Narayan

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether rise in consumption of highly subsidized urea has resulted in the decline in the consumption of other fertilizers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering to make a revision in the price of urea or undertake other efforts to reduce the over-consumption of urea and the imbalance use of soil nutrients and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the current subsidy bill of the urea and other fertilizers both paid and unpaid separately during the last three years and the current year, fertilizer, PSU- wise and cooperative sector-wise;

(d) whether the Government plans to reduce and rationalize the subsidy on chemical fertilizers and if so, the details thereof along with the proposed timeline in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to introduce Direct Benefit Transfer of subsidy to the farmers in view of large scale irregularities/corruption in the disbursement of subsidy and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

*(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 227* TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2016 REGARDING CONSUMPTION OF SUBSIDISED UREA.
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(a): Sales (Consumption) of fertilizers namely Urea, DAP, MOP and Complexes as given below: -

Sales(Consumption) { in LMT}

Product	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Urea	294.77	301.60	304.54	308.73	319.68
DAP	111.96	92.29	69.03	75.57	97.47
MOP	29.92	21.34	21.92	27.79	24.23
Complexes	113.98	77.33	75.16	85.98	92.68

As can be seen from the above table that during last five years sales (consumption) of both Urea & P&K fertilizers is not showing any definite trend, but in the last 3 years consumption of both Urea and P&K fertilizers has shown an increasing trend.

(b): No, Madam. Department of Fertilizers has no proposal to revise the price of urea.

The Government is promoting adoption of Soil test based site specific Integrated Nutrient Management envisaging conjunctive use of both inorganic and organic source of plant nutrients like bio-fertilizers and locally available organic manures to ensure judicious use of fertilizers.

Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme assists all State Governments to evaluate fertility in all 14 crore farm holdings and issue soil health cards to farmers regularly in a cycle of 2 years. SHC provide information to farmers on nutrient status of their soil along with recommendations on appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health and its fertility.

Government of India is also promoting the use of Neem Coated urea which has high nutrient use efficiency over plain urea.

(c): The details of the paid and unpaid subsidy claims in respect of indigenous urea during the last three years and current year for PSUs and co-operative sectors companies as on 29.07.2016 are at Annexure A.

The details of the paid and unpaid subsidy claims in respect of Potassic and Phosphatic fertilizers during the last three years and

current year for PSUs and co-operative sectors companies as on 29.07.2016 are at Annexure-B

(d): No, Madam. At present, there is no such proposal to reduce the subsidy on fertilizers.
(e): As per government of India decision, DoFis planning to conduct pilot in 8 districts in the coming Rabi Season (2016-17) and another 8 Districts in Kharif Season (2017-18) to capture authenticated Retailer Sales and Buyer's details as a precursor to DBT in fertilizer sector.

The feasibility of DBT in fertilizer sector would be ascertained only after analyzing the result of the pilot.

Once the pilot is completed, the Department will be in a position to evaluate technical and operational challenges and issues. Based on the results of the pilot rollout, DoF will then move ahead with the pan India roll-out of DBT.

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